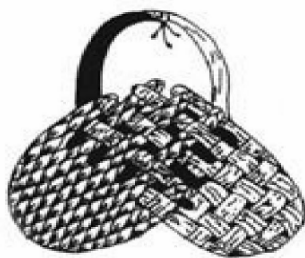


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Continuing 10,000 Years of Basket Arts



Newsletter

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September 4, 2025 10 am—3 pm
Sparks Masonic Center

We will be installing the next basket exhibit at the Northwest Library on Friday, September 5, at 11 am.

Basket Gathering

Please bring your Ann Taylor baskets, from last year's retreat, to the September meeting to be featured in the large case.

We are also looking for any baskets made with willow, tule, pine needles, or bark to be displayed in the smaller cases.

We welcome any volunteers who would like to help with setting-up the exhibit.

October Changes

The October meeting program has been changed to a basketry work session. We all have those baskets that might just need to have the rim lashed or finished off.

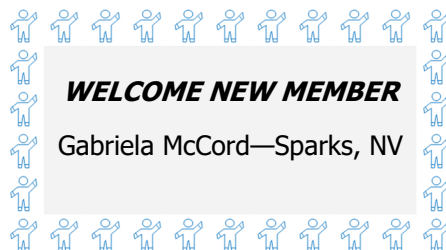
The October Class will be moved from the third Thursday to the fourth Thursday, due to the St Mary's Workshop.

More info in October newsletter.

zoom



The program for the day will be presented by Gayleen Roy. We will be making beaded earrings using a variety of seed beads—there will be a \$5 charge for materials



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Gabriela McCord—Sparks, NV

Welcome to the Fall,

We had a busy summer with a variety of activities.

We participated in Reno's Artown with a small public participation—I would suggest, if we want to participate in the future we should schedule our 3rd Thursday class for the activity. Then we could make Garlic Baskets, which are excellent beginner baskets. We might also skip the July meeting which seems to fall around the July 4th holiday.

We might want to evaluate scheduling summer classes, as well as all of our class offerings. I'm surprised at the response to some of the classes. We want to provide everyone an opportunity to learn new techniques and experience different materials. After reviewing our class attendance, it raises the question are we meeting those goals and if not, how can we adjust to provide those experiences.

Now is the time to start thinking about next years' classes and programs.

We have had a lot of new members join us this past year. We don't often talk about the policies and procedures of our guild, so maybe we need to review them from time to time. One of our class policies that we are not following—is paying for the classes at the time of sign-ups. This is a problem since the instructor may need to purchase and prepare materials for the class. It's also important to make the commitment to actually attend the class, which materials have been prepared for you. I know we don't always carry our checkbook with us or have cash to pay—but let's all try to be prepared to make our payment for our classes at sign-up time.

Ramblin along,

Karen

October Newsletter Editor: Sue Ann Monteleone
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Please submit articles for the October
newsletter by Sep 12



VEDA'S MARKET BASKET

**Double Wall Cherokee Basket
September 18, 2025
9:30 am — 3:00 pm
Sparks Masonic Center
Instructor: Janelle Raabe**

Double wall basketry is a hallmark of Cherokee culture and tradition. The double wall adds strength to the basket, many baskets were originally woven from river cane, honeysuckle and white oak. The basket begins with weaving the inner wall from a central round start. Once the inner wall's height is reached the spokes are turned downward to weave the outer wall of the basket. The finished edge at the bottom creates a rim or foot for the basket to rest on. The basket can be woven with either #2 or #3 round reed.



Class Fees: \$35 member/\$40 non-member
Materials Fee: \$10

Tools Needed: Scissors, small awl, apron, spray bottle, tape measure, and your lunch.

Make your checks out to Janelle Raabe and/or contact her for more information at jezsnowraabe@gmail.com

Library Shows & Exhibits - 2025

Northwest Library Exhibit (Robb Dr) is scheduled for September-October with the possibility of planned events in September. There are several medium to small cases, and the possibility of a new larger case.

Spanish Springs Library exhibit is scheduled for November-December. We are looking for volunteers for the exhibit install and possible activities at the library.

Contact Karen Olson if you are interested in volunteering.



**ARTOWN ACTIVITY WITH
JENNIFER JAY**



**MAKING ORNAMENTS FOR THE
US CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE**

TRISHA, KAREN & VEDA



**DECORATING WOVEN
BELLS—ESTELLE AND
CONNIE (above)**

**LORRIE, SHELLEY,
ESTELLE & CONNIE
(right) ADDING BEADS
AND CLAPPERS TO THE
BELLS**



SUMMER CLASSES

TULE BOWL with
PLAITED BORDER

CHOCTAW ELBOW
WALL BASKET



April & Karen



Veda, Kat, &
Janelle (left)



Janelle with her
tulle basket



April with her
Choctaw Basket



Janelle & Mary (above)
Sue Ann & Estelle (left)



Kelsey & Mary with their
finished tulle baskets



Summer Minutes

July 3, 2025 GBB General Meeting Minutes

Submitted by April Barber

Great Basin Basketmakers minutes, July 3, 2025 attendance: 11 in person, 1 on Zoom.

Karen Olson called the meeting to order at 10:10 am at the Sparks Masonic Center

Minutes of the June meeting approved as printed.

Membership: Karen reports that our membership is increasing with several new members.

Programs: Today's meeting program was an open house in conjunction with Artown. Several people came and learned how to weave a basket. An Artown photographer stopped in to take some pictures of the event.

August 7 – Gayleen will teach us how to make beaded earrings.

September 4 – we will finish up the ornament project.

3rd Thursday classes: July 17 - Sue Ann will teach an intermediate level basket class: a tule ginger jar with a plaited rim. August 21 - Nettie will teach a Choctaw-style elbow basket.

Special Workshop report: Margaret Mathewson will teach willow square work at St. Mary's Art Center in Virginia City, NV October 14-16. There are only a few openings left so sign up soon by calling or emailing Karen or Sue Ann.

Shows and Exhibits: Our wonderful basketry exhibit at the Sparks Library will be up through August. Thank you to Karen for designing this exhibit with the theme of Retreat Projects. Thank you to all who loaned their baskets and helped with setup.

We will install the next exhibit at the Northwest Library on September 5, so bring your baskets to the September 4 meeting. The theme will be announced soon. This exhibit will run through October and will include two hour-long presentations, one for adults and one for children. Helpers will be needed to provide the participants with a chance for hands-on activities.

The Spanish Springs Library exhibit will be Nov-Dec and has display areas for smaller baskets.

Library report: Lorrie says there are plenty of books to check out and if you are looking for something specific, she can help you find it.

Special Projects: We will be making ornaments for the national tree using some natural materials. We will get together to work on this sometime in August at Karen's house.

Announcements: The Nevada State Museum in Carson City has a wonderful basket exhibit now!

August 7, 2025 GBB General Meeting Minutes

Submitted by April Barber

Great Basin Basketmakers minutes, August 7, 2025 attendance: 12 in person, 1 on Zoom.

Karen Olson called the meeting to order at 10:15 am at the Sparks Masonic Center

Membership: Karen reports that our membership has increased to 64 members.

Programs: Today for the meeting program we are making ornaments for the National Christmas tree.

September 4 – Gayleen will teach us how to make beaded earrings.

3rd Thursday classes: August 21 - Nettie will teach a Choctaw-style elbow basket.

September 18 – Janelle will teach a double-wall basket.

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Shows and Exhibits: Our wonderful basketry exhibit at the Sparks Library will be coming down August 29, so go see it if you haven't yet had the opportunity.

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If you are able to volunteer your service to help out GBB in any way, please contact Betty Hulse at 775-747-5794 or email to betty.hulse5@yahoo.com

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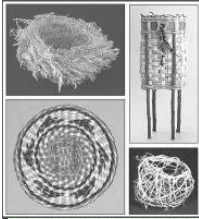
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Great Basin Basketmakers Established January 1987

Meetings the first Thursday of each month at Sparks Masonic Center located at 2425 Pyramid Way, Sparks, NV. Our new hours for meetings are 10 AM for our business meeting, followed by show and tell, then a mini workshop.

All are welcome and we will be providing ZOOM access for those members who can't attend the meeting.

Membership dues for Great Basin Basketmakers are \$25 per yr, \$10 extra per yr. for family membership (living at the same address), \$10 extra for a mailed newsletter. Membership includes monthly newsletter, access to large library and reduced workshop rates. Dues are to be paid annually in January.

Please direct address, email changes, membership dues, and requests for membership to:

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If you would like to submit to GBBs Facebook page please send to GBBFBpage@gmail.com

Our Mission Statement

The main focus of the Great Basin Basketmakers is to make baskets, to learn everything possible about the tradition and techniques of basketry and to pass this knowledge along to others.

